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1. PUBLIC DEFENDER TYPE LEGAL COUNSEL IS PROVIDED GRATIS, BUT ONLY AFTER A CRIMINAL WRIT OF SUMMONS HAS BEEN ISSUED. IF CASE REMAINS AN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER, ARRESTEE DOES NOT HAVE AUTOMATIC RIGHT TO LEGAL COUNSEL, BUT LEGAL ADVICE CAN AND USUALLY IS GIVEN AT THE DISCRETION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES.

2. SUCH LEGAL REPRESENTATION IS READILY AVAILABLE.

3. IN THEORY, ASSIGNED LEGAL COUNSELS ARE AS COMPETENT AS PRIVATELY FUNDED COUNSELS. HOWEVER, SINCE THEY ARE NOMINATED BY THE LAW FIRM EMPLOYING THEM TO TAKE THE COURT APPOINTED CASES, THEIR INTEREST IN PURSUIT OF CLIENT S INTEREST COULD BE LESS ENERGETIC THAN THAT OF THEIR PRIVATELY FUNDED COLLEAGUES.

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